

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A thermally sprayed article comprising:  
an article substrate;  
an inner layer of a metal material thermally sprayed on said article substrate  
and having a first predetermined thickness; and  
an outer layer of a composite made of a polymer material and the metal  
material flame sprayed on said inner layer and having a second predetermined thickness.

2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A thermally sprayed article comprising:  
an article substrate;  
an inner layer of a metal material thermally sprayed on said article substrate  
and having a first predetermined thickness; and  
an outer layer of a composite made of a polymer material and the metal  
material flame sprayed on said inner layer and having a second predetermined thickness,  
wherein said second predetermined thickness is less than said first predetermined thickness.

3. (CANCELED)

4. (CANCELED)

5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A thermally sprayed article comprising:  
an article substrate;

an inner layer of a metal material thermally sprayed on said article substrate;  
and

an outer layer of a composite made of a polymer material and the metal  
material flame sprayed on said inner layer, the polymer material and the metal material being  
co-deposited to form said outer layer, wherein said outer layer has a hardness less than said  
inner layer.

6. (CANCELED)

7. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A thermally sprayed article comprising:  
an article substrate;  
an inner layer of a metal material thermally sprayed on said article substrate  
and having a first predetermined thickness; and  
an outer layer of a composite made of a polymer material and the metal material  
flame sprayed on said inner layer, the polymer material and the metal material being co-deposited  
to form said outer layer and having a second predetermined thickness less than said first  
predetermined thickness, said outer layer having a hardness less than said inner layer.